



MITIGATION Outlook

"taking action today to reduce the effects of tomorrow's disasters!"

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LAUNCHING OF THE MITIGATION OUTREACH BROCHURES

The Mitigation Office is proud to announce the launching of the outreach brochures. Our office, in collaboration with other state agencies and FEMA Region IX, put together an informational resource designed for both local governments and citizens in the State of Arizona.

There are two sets of brochures tailored for both audiences. These brochures serve as a tool to *reduce the risk to people and property from natural and human-caused hazards*.



The brochure designed for the local government describes the mitigation grant programs available for local government and the mitigation measures for some of Arizona's top hazards. The brochure designed for the citizens describes the

mitigation measures they can implement within their communities and homes. It also includes tips on how to prepare for unexpected disasters.

This information will be available online in the near future. You may add a link to your web site or use it for your own outreach efforts. Watch out for announcements on upcoming newsletters.

These brochures are available to you at **no cost**. Simply contact Nenette Alfonte to request copies and we will arrange pick up or delivery to you.

PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

The state's deadline for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Grant Program closed on **January 18, 2008**. PDM sub-applications were sent to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for review and evaluation which will take place in March 2008. Typically, states are notified of the status of an award or

denial within the June or July timeframe. PDM is a nationally competitive grant. For 2008, Congress appropriated \$114M to be used for mitigation planning and projects. Currently, the PDM Grant Program is reauthorized until September 30, 2008, but it is anticipated to be reauthorized again beyond that date.

For additional information about the PDM program, please contact Darlene Trammell or visit the FEMA web site at <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pdm/index.shtm>.

TRAINING

The Arizona Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) is conducting three **MAG 318: Mitigation Planning Workshop for Local Officials Courses** and one train-the-trainer course on the following dates and locations in 2008:

February 7-8	Tucson
February 20-21	Phoenix
March 11-12	Flagstaff
March 26	Phoenix
	(Train-the Trainer)



Register online through STARS at <http://www.azgu.gov> and search for course code number **10685829**. Classes are filling up fast, so register quickly!

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WINTER FACTS

The greatest snowfall officially reported at the Phoenix, Arizona National Weather Service Office was one inch, which occurred twice. The first time was January 20, 1933 and again four years later on the same date.

On average, **300,000 "Snowbirds"** visit Arizona each winter.

In the past 10 years, Arizona has had three declared disasters (snow/flooding) during the winter months (Dec. - Feb.).



**Important
DATE!**

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

All HMGP applications must be received **no later than March 1, 2008** in order to be reviewed and submitted to FEMA by their due date of **March 7, 2008**. There will not be any further extensions of this deadline.

FMA Applications must be entered into eGrants no later than March 8, 2008 in order to be reviewed and received at FEMA by March 31, 2008. This is an electronic submission and the window will close

on March 31, 2008 with no opportunity to submit later. Please review the 2008 FMA Guidance on the FEMA web site for more information or call Bob Kimmell.

Several new HMGP projects are underway (AZGS Earth Fissure Education Program and the Snowflake Flood Control Project). Pinal County is ready to have their Flood Warning Gates Project approved pending some clarification with the Ak-Chin Community. The HMGP Manager has been working with the Town of Cave Creek with some flooding

issues and efforts are underway to submit a project prior to the March deadline. Since we have been lucky and not had a major disaster declaration, we get to focus on these projects without ramping up a whole new program. Keep your fingers crossed!

For additional information about the HMGP program, please contact Bob Kimmell or visit the FEMA web site at <http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hmgrp/index.shtm>.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING

State Hazard Mitigation Plan Approved by FEMA



We are pleased to announce that the first update to the State of Arizona Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved by FEMA on December 14, 2007. The original Plan received approval in November 2004 and remained valid for three years. Having an approved Plan ensures Arizona's eligibility for certain federal disaster funding. The Plan establishes a program to help reduce the loss of life and property and disaster costs resulting from natural disasters in Arizona. The Plan will be made available on our

web site soon. However, copies on CD are available in the interim. To request a copy, please contact Sue Wood.

Local Hazard Mitigation Planning

In order for counties and communities to be eligible for FEMA project grants, they must have a FEMA approved local level hazard mitigation plan. Once approved, these plans remain valid for five years. It is recommended that work on plan updates start at least one year prior to the due date. Plan updates must demonstrate that progress has been made to fulfill commitments outlined in the previously approved plan.

This requirement makes annual reviews and plan monitoring, as outlined in the Plan Maintenance Procedures section of your plan, critical. Approval of local plans in Arizona began in 2004, resulting in the first updates being due in 2009. As plan update development begins, it is important to know that there are several documents that provide guidance through the process.

For additional information or assistance regarding your Hazard Mitigation Plan, please contact Sue Wood or visit the FEMA web site at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/mitplanning/index.shtm>.

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